

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Summary of April Operations**

During the month of April, UKL elevations remained above elevation 4143.0 for all but two days in the middle of the month. Inflows to UKL increased from below average for the first half of the month to above average during the second half of the month. Total net inflows for the entire month of April were right at the NRCS average of 168 TAF. The April 30, 2011 UKL elevation was 2.12 feet higher than the same date in 2010.

Releases from Link River Dam (LRD) fluctuated in April to both keep the Lake full and prevent damage to the surrounding dikes. Flows downstream of LRD ranged between the low of 1,430 CFS to a high of 3,670 CFS. The highest flows were at the beginning and end of the month while the middle of the month had lower flows due to a decrease in inflows.

Iron Gate Dam (IGD) averaged 4,165 cfs for the month of April but fluctuated with the inflow patterns. The lowest flows at IGD occurred April 15th -17th when the daily flows were between 2,930 cfs and 2,990 cfs and the maximum flow at IGD occurred on April 2nd with a flow of 5,620 cfs.

Reclamation is dedicated to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Reclamation, and Klamath Project stakeholders are working together to manage available water to provide benefits to basin irrigators while protecting Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed fish.

